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The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), is conducting a Census of Agriculture from **30 April 2018 to mid-July 2018**.

The Census of Agriculture will collect information from households and institutions, and their involvement in agricultural activities in the country. The information to be collected is critical for:

- 1. Policy makers to better identify, prepare, implement and evaluate development projects aimed at enhancing agriculture in Ghana;*
- 2. Providing other data users with up-to-date and reliable agriculture statistics for programming and monitoring food security and livelihood programmes, among others.*
- 3. Addressing environmental issues especially at the community level;*
- 4. Providing more up-to-date data on the structure of agriculture in the country, vital to the rebasing of Ghana's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).*

The main data collection of the Census begins on **30 April 2018**, and will last for approximately ten weeks. Field personnel will visit all households and institutions across the country to identify for enumeration, those engaged in the production of: all types of food crop; all types of tree

planting activities; all types of livestock; all types of aquaculture, as well as those who do fishing, in both inland and offshore waters.

We entreat the general public to cooperate with the Census of Agriculture enumerators and provide the required information. A successful Agriculture Census is essential for the development of Ghana.

Remember: together, we can make the Census of Agriculture a tool for accelerated national development.

“Our Gallant Farmers, Get Involved, Get Counted!”

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